

July 25, 2005

Mr. Paul Dabbs, Chief Water Resources Evaluation Section Statewide Planning Branch, Department of Water Resources PO Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Subject: Comments on Draft California Water Plan

Dear Mr. Dabbs.

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) would like to submit the following comments on the Draft California Water Plan Update 2005. Our comments are offered to provide clarification on specific areas related BAWSCA and our member agencies.

Comments:

All comments pertain to Chapter 3 "San Francisco Bay Hydrologic Region".

- P. 3-2 "Groundwater": The Westside Groundwater Basin, underlying the northern portion of San Mateo County and the South/West portion of San Francisco County should be included as a groundwater basin that is used heavily within this region.
- P. 3-3 "Role of Conservation", 2nd paragraph: The Bay Area Water Agencies Coalition (BAWAC) is comprised of 7 (not 6), water agencies. In addition to the 6 listed in the text, please add Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) as a participant in BAWAC.
- P. 3-5 "Seismic Vulnerability and Drought Supply Planning", 1st bullet: The SFPUC's Capital Improvement Program is now \$4.3 billion (not \$3.6 billion as stated).
- P. 3-6 "Conveyance and Interconnections", 2nd bullet: This bullet should be rewritten to read "A 40 mgd treated water intertie between the SCVWD and the SFPUC system was completed recently in the City of Milpitas. EBMUD and SFPUC have begun construction on another 40 mgd treated water intertie between their systems in the City of Hayward."
- P. 3-11, inset box, 3rd paragraph on ABAG-CALFED Task Force: a phrase should be added in the sentence such that it reads "...that was formed to link planning for water supply....".
- P. 3-12, inset box, last bullet: The acronym for Northern California Salinity Coalition is NCSC.
- P. 3-13, 1st paragraph: The Bay Area IRWMP is now scheduled to be completed in Winter 2006 (not Spring 2005).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important draft document. If you have any questions about these comments or BAWSCA in general, please contact me directly at (650) 349-3000.

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Sincerely

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